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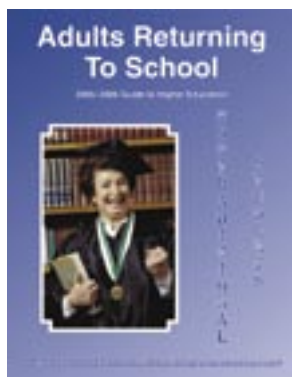
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New Publications

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and The Student Loan Peoplesm are proud to announce the arrival of the 2005–2006 editions of *Adults Returning to School* (ARTS) and *Affording Higher Education*.

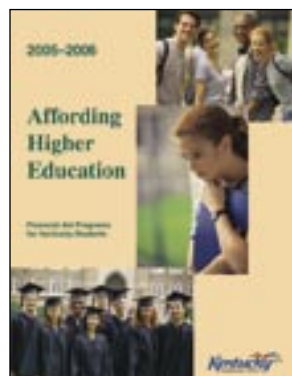
Adults Returning to School is a valuable resource containing much of the same information as *Getting In*, as well as additional material geared to nontraditional students.

A copy is included with this edition of the *Counselor Connection*.



Affording Higher Education includes more than 3,600 financial aid programs available to Kentucky students.

These publications are not distributed to students but will be available at high school and public libraries and financial aid offices.



Adults Returning to School and *Affording Higher Education* can also be found on www.kheaa.com.

KHEAA and The Student Loan Peoplesm publish the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to publications@kheaa.com.

Scholarship, Photo Contest

Students from your school have a chance to be featured on next year's covers and inside the books — and one of your juniors may win a \$500 college scholarship. Here's how it works:

KHEAA will award a \$500 scholarship, usable at the Kentucky college of the winner's choice, to the junior who does the best job of telling us why his or her high school is the best in the state. In addition, someone from KHEAA will come to that school to take pictures for use in KHEAA publications.

Entries must be no longer than 200 words. They can be mailed to Publications, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798, faxed to 502.696.7373, or e-mailed to publications@kheaa.com. The deadline for receiving entries is November 1.

College Goal Sunday



The Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, in cooperation with the Lumina Foundation, KHEAA and The Student Loan Peoplesm, sponsors College Goal Sunday to help students and parents fill out the FAFSA. This event will be held **January 29**.

Financial aid professionals will be available to walk students and their parents through the 2006–2007 FAFSA. Families attending College Goal Sunday should bring all the information needed for filling out their tax forms. Financial aid professionals will help them use that information to complete the FAFSA.

For more information, visit www.kasfaa.com/cgs or call toll free 888.452.7322.





KHEAA Grants

By Randy Petty

A new school year has begun, and it's time for seniors to start thinking about money for college. KHEAA administers two need-based grant programs for college-bound students: the College Access Program (CAP) Grant and the Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG) program.

CAP Grants help Kentucky's financially needy undergraduate students attend one of Kentucky's public or private institutions, proprietary schools, and technical colleges. Students may enroll either part-time or full-time in an eligible program of study.

The KTG Program provides need-based grants to qualified Kentucky residents to attend one of the Commonwealth's independent colleges. It is designed to assist students with the higher tuition charges at an independent college. Students must be full-time undergraduates enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate degree program. Eligible institutions must be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (or an equivalent regional accrediting association) and cannot be comprised solely of religious instruction.

To apply for either grant, students must complete the FAFSA. This is the same form used to determine eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant. Students can apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov or obtain a FAFSA from the high school counselor office or college financial aid office. Filing on-line allows students and parents the opportunity to make fewer errors and receive quicker responses.

Beginning in January 2006, the FAFSA may be completed and submitted for the 2006–2007 academic year. Both grant programs are on a first-come, first-served basis and priority is given to applications received by March 15. Funds for both programs can be exhausted quickly, so encouraging seniors to complete and submit their FAFSA before graduation is an important piece of advice.

KHEAA's website, www.kheaa.com, provides a link to the FAFSA and also provides a list of schools that are eligible to participate in the state grant programs.

Posters

Included with this *Counselor Connection* are five posters. Please display these posters where they will catch your students' eyes. If you need more posters, please contact us at the address on the front.



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